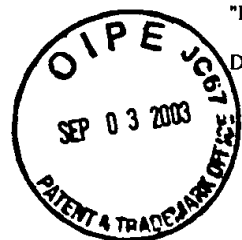


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Disk Device with Improved	)	
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
    - ☐ attached
    - ☐ already filed
  - ☒ other than small entity

- ☒ The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
- ☒ Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.
  - ☐ Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.  
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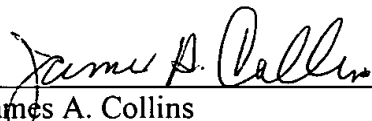
- ☒ A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

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- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 3, 2003

  
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